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Guidelines For Limitations in Providing Family Assessments

- 1) Family assessment services are to be provided, upon receipt of a written request, in the following instances, although efforts should be made to direct these requests to private agencies.
 - a) In behalf of a child classified as homeless, dependent and neglected and in the custody of a public agency in another state when that agency is contemplating the use of an out-of-home care resource in Missouri such as adoptive care, foster family care, or kinship family care; or that agency is considering placing the child with a birth parent residing in Missouri.
 - b) In behalf of a child under the jurisdiction of a court in Missouri when the court has ordered such an assessment.
 - c) In behalf of a child under the jurisdiction of an Indian Tribal Court.
- 2) Family assessments will not be provided in the following instances:
 - a) Requests made by private individuals, attorneys, physicians or ministers;
 - b) Requests received from courts in other states for divorce/custody purposes;
 - c) Requests made by courts in other states in behalf of a child who has violated a law or is classified as a status offender (i.e., runaway, habitual school absence or habitual disobedience of parents); and
 - d) Requests related to importing a child from a foreign country for the purpose of adoption.

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